

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 5 and 11, as follows.

Please cancel, without prejudice, Claims 17-21.

Please add Claims 22-29, as follows.

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of restoring basic functionality to a device comprising the steps of:

a) making a connection between a bootstrap server and a portable computer system;

b) synchronizing said bootstrap server with said portable computer system by other than a cradle device, wherein said server uses synchronization software which is compatible with a core set of communication functions stored in said portable computer system's non-volatile memory that is adapted to synchronize said portable computer system via a cradle device ~~to a desktop computer system~~;

c) transferring first software from said bootstrap server to a volatile memory unit of said portable computer system, wherein said portable computer system regains basic functionality for connecting to an enterprise server; and

d) said portable computer system connecting to and transferring information with said enterprise server using said first software.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c1) transferring an extended set of communication functions from said bootstrap server to said portable computer system.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein step a) comprises the step of:

a1) making said connection between said bootstrap server and said portable computer system using a telephone line.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein step d) comprises the step of:

d1) said enterprise server transferring data to said portable computer system, wherein said data was backed up on said enterprise server from a previous

synchronization between said enterprise server and said portable computer system.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein said portable computer system is a personal digital assistant.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein step d) comprises the step of:
d1) said portable computer system connecting to and transferring information with said enterprise server via the Internet, said portable computer system using said first software.

11. (Currently Amended) A server for restoring basic functionality to a portable computer system comprising:

c' a bootstrap server having bootstrap synchronization software stored thereon, said bootstrap synchronization software operable to allow a portable computer system to synchronize with said bootstrap server via other than a cradle device by using non-volatile memory based synchronization software stored in non-volatile memory on said portable computer system that is adapted to synchronize said portable computer system via a cradle device, ~~wherein said bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system~~; and

a modem coupled to said bootstrap server, said modem for allowing said portable computer system to communicate with said bootstrap server.

12. (Original) The server of Claim 11 further comprising:
enterprise synchronization software stored thereon, said enterprise synchronization software for allowing said portable computer system to synchronize to an enterprise server when said enterprise synchronization software is used by said portable computer system.

13. (Original) The server of Claim 11 further comprising:
application software stored on said bootstrap server, wherein said bootstrap server is for transferring said application software to said portable computer system.

14. (Original) The server of Claim 11 further comprising:
a software tool stored on said bootstrap server, wherein said bootstrap server is for transferring said software tool to said portable computer system.

15. (Original) The server of Claim 11 further comprising:
data from a previous synchronization with said portable computer system
stored on said bootstrap server, wherein said bootstrap server is for transferring said
data to said portable computer system.

16. (Original) The server of Claim 11 wherein said portable computer system is a
personal digital assistant.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A method of restoring basic functionality to a device comprising the
steps of:

a) providing a portal to bootstrap a portable electronic device such that basic
functionality is restored to the portable electronic device;

b) receiving a request from the portable electronic device for synchronization
over said portal; and

c) synchronizing said bootstrap server with the portable electronic device,
wherein said bootstrap server uses synchronization software which is compatible
with a core set of communication functions stored in said portable electronic device's
non-volatile memory, said synchronizing comprising transferring first software from
said bootstrap server to a volatile memory unit of said portable electronic device,
wherein said portable electronic device regains basic functionality.

23. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein said portal comprises a link other
than a cradle device.

24. (New) The method of Claim 23, wherein the portal identifier comprises a
telephone number.

25. (New) The method of Claim 23, wherein said core set of communication
functions stored in said portable electronic device's non-volatile memory is adapted
to synchronize said portable computer system via a cradle device.

26. (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising sending a menu of
software to said portable electronic device

27. (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising receiving, from said portable electronic device, a selection of software to be installed on said portable electronic device.

28. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein step c) comprises transferring an extended set of communication functions from said bootstrap server to said portable electronic device.

29. (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:
an enterprise server transferring data to said portable electronic device,
wherein said data was backed up on said enterprise server from a previous
synchronization between said enterprise server and said portable electronic device.
